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From: Rini, Sophia
Sent: Tue 1/23/2018 2:04:02 PM
Subject: RE: Thank you

Hi Pete,

Below is my suggested response. Please review and then perhaps Maureen could send it out from your email address.

Thank you.

Dear Debbie,

Thank you for your message. It was a pleasure meeting with both you and Ana. I appreciate your taking the time to come to my office so that we could meet in person. Thank you as well for the note about your invitation to testify before Congress.

I am thoroughly impressed by your hard work and commitment to the Passaic River cleanup. I look forward to continuing a collaborative relationship with both of you and the entire Community Advisory Group as well as all of the affected communities along the river. Like you, I share the goal of prioritizing human health and the environment when taking action at Superfund sites. I also recognize that public participation is a critical component of the Superfund program and I am glad that you have been able to utilize the TAG grant in order to enhance the public's engagement around the technical aspects of the cleanup.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the February CAG meeting, but I am working to keep the March date free and hope to be able to join you then. In the meantime, please know that my office is open to you and feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

Pete

From: Lopez, Peter

Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2018 3:23 PM

To: Rini, Sophia <Rini.Sophia@epa.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: Thank you

Hi Sophia.

Could you please help me with a response?

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Pete

Sent by Pete Lopez

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Debbie Mans <debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org>
Date: January 16, 2018 at 4:19:15 PM EST
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Cc: Ana Baptista <baptista@newschool.edu>
Subject: Thank you

RA Lopez

Thank you again for meeting with us last week to discuss the Passaic River Superfund site. We appreciate the time you gave to us to listen to the history of the site and the importance of a timely and comprehensive cleanup.

Immediately after the meeting Sophia provided me with the information to request an extension of our TAG and I have filed the appropriate paperwork. Having the extension would allow us to more substantively engage in the upcoming CSTAG meeting.

I wanted to give you a heads up that I was asked late Friday to testify this Thursday on a panel for the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on the Environment entitled, "Modernizing the Superfund Cleanup Program." More information can be found here: <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings/modernizing-superfund-cleanup-program/>

I will specifically talk about my community experience with the Passaic River Superfund site.

Thank you again for meeting with us, Debbie

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